Religious Education

Social Justice

Pope Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice.

In the past couple of weeks at St Augustines we have been learning about the work of Caritas from a guest speaker as well putting our faith into action by getting books on the way to students and teachers in Sri Lanka.

Read on to find out more...

Books to Sri Lanka

It almost seemed like it was not meant to be. At last year's Christmas Concert (remember...it was cancelled because of a 5pm storm) our students donated pre-loved books which were to be sent to Sri Lanka. Tim Gomez, aged 90+ and a long time parishioner of St Augustine's was our contact person who was helping us with this initiative. He became sick at the same time and ended up in hospital so we decided to delay the shipment until this year.

Two weeks ago we were ready to tackle the task of packing the cartons but instead of a fine day, we woke up to rain. As we had to transport the books to Campbellfield, it was a 'no-go'. Our second, and thankfully successful attempt happened over the past weekend. Along with donations from another school we were able to pack 35 cartons of books and stationary which will all arrive in Sri Lanka by ship in April.

We have been able to contact Tim, who was very thankful to St Augustine's school for their generous contribution, but especially for taking the time to get the shipment on its way to those who need it.
Guest Speaker from Caritas

Luis Castillo Polo (Lucho) works for Caritas and he came last Thursday to talk to the Grade 4/5s and 5/6s. He talked about Caritas and where he came from. He told us many facts about Peru (where he came from) and how Caritas helps around the world. He said they would help one country then once they are back up on their feet, then they would go to another country to help them get back up on their feet, then the cycle would keep on repeating. Now Caritas’ big goal is to “Share Food for Life”.

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Sacraments

Reconciliation preparation is well under way for Year 3's and although Year 4's will celebrate their First Eucharist in Term 3, booking for the Mass they will attend opens soon. Read on for more details...

Reconciliation

Celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will occur on Saturday March 14 & 21st and April 18th & 25th for our Year 3 students. These celebrations will take place at St Christopher's church at 9:30 am.

Reconciliation candidates and their parent/s gathered on Tuesday evening to explore reconciliation in their family, in scripture and in the church.

Please keep them in your prayers as they seek God's forgiveness formally through the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Eucharist

First Eucharist bookings open @ 9:00 am on Tuesday March 10th on
www.schoolinterviews.com.au using code 7BUGH

Bookings are for 9:30 am Masses @ St Augustine’s church on the following Sundays:
2nd, 9th, 16th 23rd and 30th August and 6th and 13th September.
There is a maximum of 6 students for each Mass.